

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 21, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

Excused Absence: Alderman Duncan

A quorum was present.

PUBLIC HEARING

City Clerk Brown read portions of the Notice of Public Hearing regarding the petition and request of Jerry Styrzczula for annexation and consideration and approval of potential annexation agreement regarding premises commonly known collectively as 232 La Salle Road. (Exhibit #1)

7:02 p.m. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to open the public hearing.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Mayor Grove expressed his thanks to Mr. Styrzczula, Attorney George Moravcik, Attorney McPhedran, Don Aleksy, City staff, and the City Council for the time and effort to bring this process to the point we are today. Mayor Grove explained that previous Mayors (Washkowiak and Murphy) put the City in a good position through annexations and creating TIF Districts which allow us to reap the benefits now. Mayor Grove acknowledged Mayor Don Baker for his foresight in Peru over his 44 years to start that process in their City years ago which led to success with sales tax and growth on the north end of Peru. The Mayor continued by saying that most recently the City of La Salle annexed in the Cleer farm and the Mertel property into the Community Partnership TIF. In three years, these efforts have resulted in the development of the LP Sports Complex and Unytite within the established TIF. As a result of the Community Development TIF, the City has received inquiries from other groups about potentially joining La Salle. The City was proactively talking to businesses as well. Mayor Grove explained that Mr. Styrzczula's business plan for that location is in line for what we would like to have happen. He added, it is a great fit, especially with the access to Route 80.

Mayor Grove continued by addressing the following concerns raised by Attorney Doug Schweickert on behalf of the City of Peru at the Planning Commission Public Hearing held on Monday, April 20, 2015.

Regarding the concerns raised as to how the City of La Salle would pay to run water and sewer to Mr. Styrzczula's property, the Mayor explained that as part of our agreement, La Salle will bring water and sewer to his property within a year of Mr. Styrzczula notifying the City that he is breaking ground. Some of the infrastructure will be run through surrounding TIF areas and paid through TIF funds and any infrastructure not running through TIF areas will be paid through state and federal grants. The Mayor added that the City Engineer and Economic Development Director are already looking into various grant opportunities.

Regarding concerns pertaining the La Salle's bond rating, the Mayor indicated that our bond rating is not where we want it to be. However, the City is working with the bond rating company, our Finance Director, City Departments heads, the City Attorney and outside council to get where we need to be. Mayor Grove expressed that we are on track and going in a positive direction.

Regarding concerns about plans for further expansion/future annexations the Mayor indicated that this is not a situation where we are going to stop with this annexation. We want to look at what is down the line. He indicated that we want to put the City of La Salle in a position where if opportunity arises the City is prepared. Mayor Grove added that Mr. Styrzczula's property is one step in the process to gain other properties. It is the goal of the City to be ready to grow in order to address our financial issues, increase property and sales tax revenues which would ease the burden on our budget and on the taxpayer.

Regarding concerns about this area not being included as part of the City of La Salle's Comprehensive Plan, the Mayor indicated that the City had not passed a Comprehensive Plan for over fifty years and now has one of the most up-to-date Comprehensive Plans in the area. Mayor Grove added that the City is very proud of the plan and stressed that it is meant to be just that...a plan/ a guideline to follow. The goal is to make the City better and by annexing this property it will make the City better. The plan does not predict what will happen in the future and therefore it is meant to be a flexible guide.

Mayor Grove added that during the initial process of preparing for this potential annexation it was discovered on Mr. Styrzczula's tax bill that he was paying City of Peru taxes. The City of La Salle thoroughly researched if there was any type of deed or previously recorded annexation documents filed by the City of Peru that would explain why the taxes were on his bill. The City of La Salle also sent a FOIA request to the City of Peru. The City was unable to find any documentation as to why Peru city taxes were being charged. The City of La Salle wanted to be sure we were not wasting Mr. Styrzczula's time or our time. The Mayor added that Peru's Attorney Doug Schweickert indicated in the meeting last evening that this was an error made in the County Assessor's office. Mayor Grove added that these taxes are not only being assessed on Mr. Styrzczula's property, but other properties in the area. Mayor Grove indicated that this is a separate issue and hopefully will be remedied as it has gone on for quite a few years.

In regard to the City of Peru taking offense to this potential annexation because of the fact that Peru currently provides water and sewer to the Styrzczula property, the Mayor expressed that he understood, but was disappointed. He believes there is good cooperation between the two city's Fire Departments, Police Departments, Public Works and he and Mayor Harl have a good working relationship. The Mayor added that, at times, it comes down to doing what is best for our taxpayers and this is one of those situations where we will look forward and look out for our constituents.. Mayor Grove explained that Peru is not contiguous to this property, so it is not an option for the City of Peru to annex anyway. The Mayor added that he does believe offense was taken. To the Mayor's understanding, as a result of this issue, Peru passed an ordinance last evening that indicated beginning April 20, 2015, property owners who currently receive water and sewer from Peru and choose to join another municipality outside of Peru, will be unable to continue to receive those services from Peru. The Mayor promised Mr. Styrzczula that the City of La Salle will be professional and honor its agreement and get water and sewer to him.

The Mayor stated that it is not his call and he is not the Mayor of Peru, but he questioned why Peru would spend money to pay for their attorney to attend two meetings and pay their City Engineer to compile an estimate of potential costs to the City of La Salle to run water and sewer. It makes one question what is behind all of this. The Mayor stated that he thinks there is a concern possibly that they know we are moving forward which we are, which is no secret. We will do this the right way and the fairway and put the best possible situation out there for future developers. The Mayor added that hopefully they will join our team, but if they don't that is ok, we understand and they can go wherever they want to go. Mayor Grove indicated that we must be proactive and move forward to bring growth to the city. The Mayor hoped for many more hearings and thanked Mr. Styrzczula for breaking the ice for us and sending us on our way. Mayor Grove thanked everyone for their time.

Attorney McPhedran confirmed that everything the Mayor stated in his opening statement of the public hearing was the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. The Mayor indicated that it was. Attorney McPhedran asked that anyone testifying during this public hearing also take this oath as well. Attorney McPhedran outlined the requirements of a Public Hearing as defined in

65 ILCS 5/11-15.1-3. He added that in order to pass an ordinance authorizing an annexation agreement, it requires six members of the council (corporate authorities, being the Mayor and Aldermen.) Attorney McPhedran also reviewed with the council factors that are reasonable to consider when deciding about rezoning this property to M-1 in connection with this potential annexation, as well as factors when considering the annexation itself. Attorney McPhedran asked the City Clerk if the Notice of Public Hearing had been marked as part of the public record as an Exhibit as well as the potential Annexation Agreement and the potential ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of that agreement. Clerk Brown indicated that the documents had been marked as Exhibits.

Attorney McPhedran called Mr. Jerry Styrzcula to step forward.

Q-Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

A-Yes, I do.

Q- Sir, state your name again for the record.

A-Jerry Styrzcula

Q- Why don't you tell us a little bit about your development, Jerry?

A-"I primarily do trailer sales and services for the commercial line distribution, refrigeration, as well as dump, construction and as well as farming. I employ sixteen mechanics, I got a body shop with about six guys in there and two sales people and have been in business for two years. The business has grown pretty large in two years." Mr. Styrzcula indicated that he has a piece of property here and he believes it would be beneficial to his business to be able to service other customers in this area. He indicated it is good for truck drivers going from west coast to the east coast to have a location where they can stop to receive service. He added that it would be beneficial for him to be in this area.

The following questions were asked by Attorney McPhedran of Mr. Styrzcula.

Q-Is your property known as including 232 La Salle Road?

A- That is correct, yes.

Q- Are you the owner of the property and the sole beneficiary of the land trust?

A-I am the owner and sole beneficiary, correct.

Q-And there are no electors on the property?

A-No there are not.

Q- Does the property abut Route 80 and is the back boundary line between the two parcels (Lots 3 and 4) more than 400 feet?

A-Yes

Q- Is it correct that the planned development would be beneficial to the public and that the property is currently vacant and not being used?

A-Yes

Q- Is it correct that the potential development would include tearing down the existing building and building a new building which would improve the property?

A-Yes

Q- Do you feel your potential use is compatible with existing uses in the area or would it be an improvement in the area?

A-It would be an improvement in the area.

Q-Do you feel it would help property values in the area?

A-Yes and I hope others would follow and do the same.

Q- Do you feel it promotes the health, safety and welfare of the area?

A-Yes

Q- Do you think your business is inconsistent with others there to your knowledge?

A-No, other than The Spa next door, no.

Q- Do you feel it is in the overall public good to annex and enter into an annexation agreement?

A-I do, yes. I work very well with Jeff and Don and I feel you have strong people behind the wheel here and you are fortunate to have them.

Q- Is it correct that you voluntarily chose to file a petition to annex with the City of La Salle?

A-I did, yes.

Q- No one is forcing you to that?

- A- No
Q- Did you sign and have the land trust deed sign the petition for annexation?
- A- Yes
Q- Have you seen the agreement marked as an exhibit by the Clerk and in connection with the annexation and do you agree to the terms of the agreement?
- A- Yes
Q- Have you affixed your signature to the agreement?
- A- Yes
Q- Does the agreement subject to certain provisions include adding sewer and water, the rebating of real estate taxes and the rezoning to M-1?
- A- Yes, that is correct.
Q- Do you feel the Zoning to M-1 is beneficial to the area as a whole?
- A- Yes, for sure.
Q- The City is also assisting regarding preparing an annexation plat that will be affixed to the ordinance if it passes. Is that correct?
- A- Yes
Q- Do you have any question on the agreement?
- A- No, I have reviewed everything with my attorney.
Q- Have you signed the petition for rezoning? Correct?
- A- Correct, I have.

There were no further questions from Attorney McPhedran, the City Council or the public for Mr. Styrzula.

There were no further questions from the alderman or the public for Mr. Styrzula. Aldermen Schneider and Herndon thanked Mr. Styrzula.

Attorney McPhedran asked Donald Aleksy to come forward. Mr. Aleksy swore to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Attorney McPhedran asked Mr. Aleksy the following questions:

- Q- Can you state your name for the record?
- A-Donald Aleksy
Q- Can you indicate for the record your position with the City?
- A-Director of Economic Development for the City of La Salle.
Q-Now, in connection with this, have you been involved in the negotiations with Mr. Styrzula in regard to the potential annexation agreement and the annexation?
- A-Yes, I have.
Q- And you are familiar with the agreement that is marked as an Exhibit to this hearing? Correct?
- A-Yes.
Q-Do you feel it is in the best interest of the City to enter into this agreement?
- A- I do.
Q- And in connection with the zoning aspect of the hearing, do you believe the planned use of Mr. Styrzula is compatible with the existing uses in the area?
- A-Yes, I do.
Q- And you believe it would enhance property values?
- A-Yes, I do.
Q- Does our Comprehensive Plan include much on property outside of the city?
- A-No, we stayed within the City limits at the time the report was done.
Q- Is there even a reference in the Comprehensive Plan itself on or about page 45 that part of the thinking was that extra- territorial zoning is now done by the county?
- A-Yes, that was.
Q-You are familiar with the surrounding area, correct?
- A-Correct.

Q-Do you concur with Mr. Styrzczula that the property in the rear has more than 400 ft. that fronts Rt. 80?

A-Yes, it does.

Q-Did we already annex property to the south of the interstate, the Mertel property?

A-Correct.

Q-Is it zoned M-1?

A-Yes, it is.

Q-Is that the compatible and the same as Mr. Styrzczula is asking for?

A-Yes it is.

Q-And present zoning is B-2 and that is through the county, correct?

A-Correct

Q-And that is because they zoned it through their extra-territorial, correct?

A-Correct.

Q-Is the Mertel property a large tract that goes well beyond from a western boundary the property of Mr. Styrzczula?

A-Yes it does.

Q-And extends further to the east as well?

A-Yes it does.

Q-So, the Mertel property included when it was annexed that the adjacent roadways that come into play then and are annexed then would be right against the back line of Jerry's property, correct?

A-That is correct.

Q-And would it also be correct that in connection with Jerry's annexation that if it extends to the far side of the other roadway it would extend to the Mertel property, correct?

A-Correct

Q-And that boundary would be in excess of 400 ft. correct?

A-Correct

Q-And, in fact it is not just a small part of Jerry's rear boundary it is the entirety of the east west boundary of both lots that would be contiguous with Peru. Correct?

A- Correct, the entire rear area of his lot is contiguous to all of Mertel.

Q-So, it would be contiguous, with, strike that, I misspoke, contiguous with La Salle, correct?

A-Contiguous with La Salle, yes.

Q-You are familiar with and talked about that you believe it will be compatible with our Comprehensive Plan?

A-Correct

Q-And not detrimental to the overall zoning in the area?

A-Correct

Q-It would be beneficial to it?

A-It would be very beneficial.

Q-And Consistent?

A-Yes it would.

Q-and adds property value and promotes health, safety and welfare?

A-Yes it would.

Q-Is this property presently undeveloped or underdeveloped? It only has an old building on it, correct?

A-Underdeveloped, yes.

Q-If Mr. Styrzczula's development happened, it would be a benefit to the whole area? Correct?

A-Correct.

Q-Both to La Salle, unincorporated areas and Peru has property in the vicinity, it would be beneficial to that too?

A-Correct

Q-Is the zoning of M-1 also consistent with other zoning La Salle has in its Comprehensive Plan on other interstate corridors? For example, on various areas around the interstate of 1-80 and 178?

A-Correct, the former Frontier Lodge is M-1.

Q- Is this property specifically discussed in the Comprehensive Plan?

A-No

Q-But then most of the property outside of the city is not discussed is it?

A-Correct.

Q-As far as specifically, correct?

A-Correct.

Q-But, you believe this plan with Mr. Styrzczula would overall be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan?

A-Yes, I do.

Q-The Mayor has talked about water and sewer and why the zoning would be beneficial, correct?

A-Correct.

Q-In regard to the water and sewer and in connection with this particular development could you explain for the public and the City Council what some of the reasons why you feel it would be beneficial to La Salle to have this property as part of the City?

A-That property sits on an underdeveloped corridor like we mentioned before. Mr. Styrzczula's plans are quite large and comprehensive and I think it would be a tremendous asset to the city. It takes advantage of the I-80 exposure which is what we are always looking for. Adding the sewer and water of course allows him to operate, but also opens up other opportunities for other developments going back east from Mr. Styrzczula's property.

Q-Does this annexation potentially open up development to the north?

A-Yes, it does.

Q-Is the property immediately to the west in any city right now?

A-No, it is not, it is in unincorporated La Salle County.

Q-And is the property immediately to the north in any city right now?

A-No, it is not, it is in unincorporated La Salle County.

Q-And is the property immediately to the east of Mr. Styrzczula in any city right now?

A-No, it is in unincorporated La Salle County.

Q-But, La Salle abuts them on the south, right?

A-Yes, we do.

Q-In connection with real estate taxes, the agreement provides for provisions regarding reimbursing the developer for some of the taxes until certain contingencies happen, but when development occurs then would the City realize real estate taxes?

A-Yes, we would.

Q- With this type of development that could be a benefit as well? Correct?

A-Correct.

Attorney McPhedran had no further questions for Mr. Aleksy, nor did the public or the council.

Attorney McPhedran asked the following of Mr. Styrzczula.

Q-Is it correct Mr. Styrzczula you agree that if the property was rezoned you would not have any use for R-4 multi-family zoning?

A-That is correct.

Q-And you have agreed to that?

A-Yes, I have.

Q- Was that part of the annexation agreement, too?

A-Yes, it was.

Attorney Doug Schweickert representing the City of Peru stated that he knows coming before the council is an exercise in futility and everything he says will fall on deaf ears. "But, so be it." He stated that he appreciated the Mayor's spin on this matter, but the City of Peru does object to the annexation, in fact takes great exception to this particular annexation and the alderman are understandably upset about it. The reason being, this property has already been served water and sewer for several decades by the City of Peru. That is upsetting to the City Council. In fact, the sewer ends right at Jerry's property and the manhole can be seen right there. In the annexation agreement La Salle indicates they will attach into the manhole. The water extends further east to what he referred to as the former Miller Sheet Metal, maybe now is Motion Industries. He continued by saying that the City of La Salle has been doing a land grab for

ten years, the most recent being the Cleer properties and Mertel property. They (the City of Peru) understand that and it would have created stress on Peru's infrastructure. Peru has never objected before and they do serve the Cleer property water. Attorney Schweickert continues, this is why the council takes exception to this particular annexation because we already serve water and sewer. Not going to argue the facts, but everyone can draw their own conclusions. Attorney Schweickert passed out documents which were marked by the City Clerk Brown as Objector's Exhibit #1, which includes pages of La Salle's Comprehensive Plan and an estimate prepared by Peru's City Engineer regarding the cost to the City of La Salle to extend water and sewer which is already served by Peru. The total cost was estimated at \$525,850.00. Attorney Schweickert added that this would be over \$100 to every residential water and sewer customer in La Salle. He indicated that they understand that the purpose of this property is to jump across Rt. 80 to become contiguous to the property to the north. He stated, it is no secret, so we just put it on the table. "If this annexation starts the border war, so be it." He suggested that both cities will end up losers because attorneys would advise property owners to go play municipality against each other leading to a bidding war. Who will give up the most real estate tax? It is a war you can't win. He suggested it would be in the best interest of both municipalities to sit down and discuss a boundary line agreement to avoid being played against each other in future developments. He continued by saying this is why the City Council is upset, because it is already served by Peru water and sewer and it is just an attempt to jump across May Road or La Salle Road to the Rusic or Halm property with the anticipation that someday it may develop into commercial. Attorney Schweickert stated that he does not believe that will happen in his lifetime and implied that retail sales are falling due to on-line shopping and companies such as Amazon. He does not believe it is in anyone's interest to get into a border war, but that is what apparently is being initiated here. Again, Schweickert added, "I know it falls on deaf ears, but I was instructed to present the City of Peru's position."

Alderman Schneider asked Attorney Schweickert :

Q-Is that a unanimous position you are representing?

A- As far as I know, Yes.

Mayor Grove asked Attorney Schweickert:

Q-When was the last Comprehensive Plan in Peru? Do you know?

A-A long time ago.

Q- Do you think the newly annexed property on Plank Road was included in that?

A-No, it has been a long time.

Mayor Grove stated, "So, you have had the same situation where your Comprehensive Plan does not include certain properties and you are not following the original plan either."

Alderman Bacidore stated, It just seems like you have so much and we have so little. Why are you so jealous? You have everything over there and we don't have anything. We are trying to just get a little more and you don't want us to have it.

Attorney Schweickert stated that he had no ill feelings about the City and visits its restaurants.

Mayor Grove thanked Attorney Schweickert for his comments and stated that we know that teamwork among municipalities is a necessity. Mayor Grove added, I am very proud of our team and we feel we are doing that. If something is being misconstrued as far as any border wars that is not how we perceive it and is not how we will move forward. The City will continue to work with all municipalities in the Illinois Valley.

Alderman Schneider asked Attorney Schweickert if anyone had researched how much real estate tax Peru has collected from this property over the years.

Attorney Schweickert indicated that this it is really not an issue and the City of Peru has nothing to do with the assessment of real estate taxes. He added, "Obviously, it is some error in the Assessor's Office."

Taxes are changed on the tax rolls by the recorded annexation document. The County Clerk also changes boundaries for election purposes.

Alderman Schneider commented, "I agree with you that perhaps both Mayors should sit down, but my approach would have been to have that happen before they sent you as a messenger to threaten our board and Council. I do not take threats, personally or professionally very lightly or kindly. So, our council will continue and Department Heads and Emergency Services will continue to act as we have in the past acting professionally working with the surrounding cities. Whatever Peru decides to do with the border war term you keep throwing around, that is on them."

Attorney Schweickert responded, "Well, I am just saying that is what is starting because we already serve them with water and sewer. And to answer your other question, the real estate taxes are \$151.67."

Attorney McPhedran asked Attorney Schweickert if he knew how the property taxes started being collected many, many years ago.

Attorney Schweickert answered that he had no idea.

Attorney McPhedran followed by asking Attorney Schweickert:

Q- In regard to this annexation, Mr. Styrzula has the choice to go with the City of La Salle?

A-Yes, that is under the statute and nobody is arguing that.

Q-So, if he chooses La Salle he can annex?

A-So be it.

Q-La Salle can annex him, correct?

A-Of course

Q-There is no pre-annexation agreement?

A-Not that I am aware of Jim, this predates my 38 years.

Q-Your FOIA request response states that Peru has no claim to this property, correct?

A-Not that I am aware of.

Q-Is that correct?

A-Not that I am aware of. A search of the records found nothing to answer your question except we do have the as-built plans of the water and sewer.

Q-But, there is no record of any other basis of Peru claiming anything here, correct?

A-I know of nothing else.

Q-And, Peru had the opportunity for many years to negotiate with not only Mr. Styrzula but prior owners but to the best of your knowledge did not ever arrive at an annexation agreement or pre-annexation agreement, correct?

A-Nor did they go out and solicit all these properties. Their typical stance is that when people come in and look we will discuss it with them. There has not been, until the active solicitations by Don frankly, over the years there has not been active solicitation of businesses, but we know that Don has been out and very active on that so over the past year we have too.

Alderman Schneider responded, "It has been no secret over the history of the Illinois Valley here with IVAC that Peru has always been favored with business and land and such, so Don being on board that is exactly what he is here to do, which is promote LaSalle."

Attorney Schweickert replied, "That is what he should do. That is his job. I have no problem with that. You asked a question and I answered it, so take it as you will. I am just trying to suggest what the ultimate situation is going to be on the home front. If you take offense to that, so be it."

Alderman Lavieri inquired, "You just said you do not expect anything to happen on that property anyway? So why fight over it?"

Attorney Schweickert responded, "Personally, I hope something will happen in my lifetime, but I am old. But, I don't know."

Attorney McPhedran continued, "Then you say it is then no secret that Peru sent you here because they are concerned about having someone else compete for the opportunity to develop?"

Schweickert answered, "No, I told you why they sent me here Jim. I have been very clear, because we already serve it with water and sewer. And La Salle is coming out to spend over a half million dollars to serve something that we already have there. So, yes, they are offended by that. If you are offended by what I say, so be it. That is why Peru is offended by it. Because we already serve it."

Attorney McPhedran stated, "You already serve it but you also don't want La Salle having an opportunity to compete. Correct?"

No response from Attorney Schweickert.

Alderman Schneider expressed, "I think it is shameful that in the Illinois Valley where we all shop and go to church and our kids see each other and play sports and whatever that at a time where we should be celebrating successes in Oglesby, Peru and Spring Valley and La Salle that this has come to light like this. I think it is disgusting."

Mayor Grove asked if there were any other questions or concerns.

Alderman Lavieri stated, I was very involved in the Comprehensive Plan and the question did come up should we extend the plan beyond the City boundaries knowing that we would be growing and expanding. We chose with the Comprehensive Plan not to extend it because the county in 2006 initiated county zoning for the areas. But, prior to this, La Salle had zoning jurisdiction to this property and all that property in the area that was not annexed into the City of Peru. I have not seen those old zoning maps for a while but our territory jurisdiction extended quite a ways out in that area. So, we did zone that property at one time I believe.

A brief discussion followed regarding previous procedures for zoning boundaries and old boundary line agreements.

Alderman Lavieri asked:

Q-Is it true though whichever city had the mile and a half ordinance first had the mile and a half?

A-That is correct.

Q-And La Salle had theirs prior to Peru.

A-I believe that is correct.

Attorney Schweickert made some final comments.

7:55 p.m. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to close the public hearing.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Monday, April 6, 2015 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to go out of order on the agenda regarding ordinances regarding the pending annexation.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to go out of order on the agenda and consider the recommendation of the Planning Commission pertaining to the potential Zoning Change concerning the premises at 232 La Salle prior to considering associated annexation ordinances.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding petition for rezoning of premises commonly known collectively as 232 La Salle Road and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman and seconded by Alderman to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2558:** an ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an annexation agreement between the City of La Salle and Jerry Styrzula and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Ordinance 2558—an ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an annexation agreement between the City of La Salle and Jerry Styrzula and related matters.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2559:** an ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois and related matters. (Styrzula) Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Ordinance 2559- an ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois and related matters. (Styrzula)

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2560:** an ordinance authorizing zoning changes within the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois and related matters, concerning premises commonly known as 232 La Salle Road and related matters. (Styrzula) Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Ordinance 2560: an ordinance authorizing zoning changes within the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois and related matters, concerning premises commonly known as 232 La Salle Road (Styrzula to M-1)

Alderman Schneider exited the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to refer the request of the residents, property owners and guests of residents of Tonti Street that deteriorating "No Parking" signs currently in place from 11th Street to O'Connor Avenue are replaced with "Resident Only" Parking signs. In addition, for safety concerns, the petitioners are requesting a speed control device be placed on the east side of Hegeler Park to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee. Each and every alderman has a copy.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Bacidore set a meeting of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 6:45 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and deny the request for a monetary donation to Firefighters and Friends for Gary Scholarship Fund remaining consistent with past giving practices. Each and every alderman has a copy.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve a \$250 donation to the Better Fishing Association for the Kid's Fishing Exposition at Baker Lake and the Kid's Fishing Tournament at Lock 14.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Aldermen Duncan, Schneider Abstain: Alderman Lavieri

Motion Carried 5-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request of Cub Scout Pack 3703 to block off a portion of McArthur Road and Hennepin Street in the vicinity of the La Salle Pool from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in order to host a bike rodeo on Saturday, May 16, 2015. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from the Illinois Valley Alzheimer's Group to hold the 8th annual "Boo" Milby Memory 5K Race/Walk in the City of La Salle on Saturday, August 15, 2015. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to grant the request from Christ Family Foursquare Church at 931 Third Street to lease City property to erect a sign and waive the initial \$200 fee. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Aldermen Duncan, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 6-0**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for March 2015 showing total fees collected of \$975.00 and total value of construction of \$198,300. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for March 2015 showing total fees collected of \$9,633.52. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Transportation Report showing the Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for March 2015 totaling \$8,855.81. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for January 2015 showing cash balances in the La Salle State Bank of \$1,457,464.28 and in Hometown National Bank of \$3,309,599.33. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for February 2015 showing cash balances in the La Salle State Bank of \$4,066,967.49 and in Hometown National Bank of \$766,913.40. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for March 2015 showing cash balances in the La Salle State Bank of \$4,514,543.53 and in Hometown National Bank of \$703,765.79. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue Report showing sales tax collected for January 2015 of \$75,601.83 and referendum approved sales tax of \$31,903.43 for a total of \$109,952.66. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

BIDS

City Engineer Brown explained that bids were opened on Friday, April 17 for the La Fayette Street Sanitary Sewer and Water Replacement project. A total of five bids were received with the low bid by John Pohar & Sons of \$318,565.50. Mr. Brown felt the bids were in line with his estimate and recommended the bid be awarded to John Pohar & Sons subject to the comment period as required by the grant. He believed this time period was fifteen days, but was waiting for a call back to confirm.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that we accept the bid of John Pohar & Sons, Inc. of \$318,565.50 and award the bid after the determined comment period. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon,

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 6-0

BIDS: John Pohar & Sons-
\$318,565.50
Universal Asphalt & Excavating-
\$319,025.40,
Gensini Excavating-
\$379,043,
JW Ossola-
\$383,439
Len TroveroConstruction-
\$405,294.50.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Grove recognized Mr. Dooley for his continued service to the City and the Police Pension Board.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the appointment of W. Pat Dooley to the Police Pension Board until April 30, 2017.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon,

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 6-0

**Appointment: Pat Dooley to
Police Pension Board- 2 year
term (4-30-2017)**

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee and deny the request from Kelley Cawley for a loading zone on the east side of the 100 Block of Marquette Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Aldermen Duncan, Schneider Abstain: Alderman Ptak

Motion Carried 5-0

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept the recommendation from the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to deny the request from Michelle Black, owner of To Be Continued Consignment Boutique for a 15 minute Parking Space in front of her business at 105 Marquette Street.

Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Aldermen Duncan, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 6-0

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

A straw poll was taken regarding a request from Trinity Catholic Academy to hold a 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, April 25, 2015. There were no objections from the aldermen. The Mayor asked that the item be added to the May 5, 2015 agenda to be formally voted upon.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2561:** an ordinance Making Transfers of Amounts Appropriated from One Corporate Purpose to another Corporate Purpose. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 6-0

**Ordinance 2561: an ordinance
Making Transfers of Amounts
Appropriated from One
Corporate Purpose to another
Corporate Purpose.**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2562:** an ordinance authorizing agreement between the City of La Salle, Illinois and Paramedic Services of Illinois, Inc. and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Aldermen Duncan, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 6-0

COMMENTS

Mr. Michael Hubbard from Rock Falls, a former La Salle resident presented a request to hold a Revival at Pulaski Park on a Friday and Saturday in July, August or September. Mr. Hubbard was informed that the request could not be approved this evening since it was not on the agenda, but it would be addressed at a future meeting. Mayor Grove indicated he will follow-up with the Park Board.

Alderman Lavieri informed the council that the Baseball Softball Parade will be on Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 3 p.m. with a rain date of May 10, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8:24 p.m. Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to exit regular session and enter Executive Session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters: Collective bargaining with FOP and related matters, and acquisition and/or sale of city real estate and related matters and the employment, appointment, performance and/or compensation of non-union personnel and related matters pursuant to the Open Meetings Act including 5-ILCS 120 Section 2(c)1-3,5,6, and 11 thereof.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Aldermen Duncan, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 6-0

8:45 p.m. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to exit Executive Session and resume regular session.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon

NAY: None Absent: Aldermen Duncan, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 6-0

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$691,314.23 (Total Payroll \$176,688.78, Bills to be Paid \$432,099.12, Total Bills Paid \$82,526.33) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon,

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan, Schneider Abstain: None

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 8:46 p.m.



Carrie Brown, City Clerk